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In Re The Application of:)
Valerio Aisa)
Serial No.: 10/049,985)
Filed: February 20, 2002)
For: DEVICE, SYSTEM AND)
METHOD FOR MONITORING)
A HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC)
USER, NAMELY A HOUSE-)
HOLD APPLIANCE)

Examiner: Lieu, J.

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RESPONSE

We would like to thank the Examiner for a telephone conference relating to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004. As discussed, a Preliminary Amendment filed with the application had not been entered, and thus, the claims as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment were not considered. We therefore request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered in response to the Office Action.

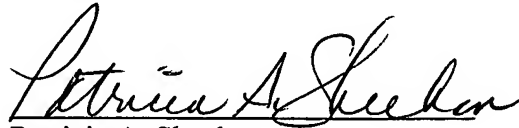
The claims as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment overcome the claim objections noted in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Further, we would like to point out that the reference on which the Examiner primarily relies for its rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, namely, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035757 to Ciancimino et al., has a filing date that is after the priority date of the current application. Specifically, the priority date of the current application is August 20, 1999, while the priority date of the cited U.S. Patent Application is June 26, 2000, based on a provisional application that is referenced in the corresponding United States Patent 6,715,175.

We further point out that the Examiner found allowable subject matter in original claims 13 and 24. These claims correspond to claims 59 and 74, respectively, of the Preliminary Amendment.

We respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Preliminary Amendment that was filed with the application and issue a Notice of Allowance for the claims as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment. In case the Preliminary Amendment has become separated from the application in the Patent Office files, we enclose a copy herewith.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237. Further, please address all correspondence to the address set forth below, which is the address that is included in the patent application transmittal documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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